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PARAMOUNT-BURLINGHAM ADVENTURE PICTURES.

THE ASCENT OF THE MATTERHORN - One reel.

Perhaps the most famous mountain in the world is the Matterhorn, 14780 feet high and part of the Swiss Alps, between valais and Piedmont, here cinematographed for the first time from the summit of the treacherous Zinal-Röthorn.

When Whymper and his party made the first ascent in 1865, the Alpine rope broke when they were near the summit and Lord Douglas and three others fell 6000 ft. to their death.

Frederick Burlingham, the American explorer and mountain tamer, who made the Matterhorn lie down, roll under his feet and pose for its picture.

The wild mountains are like sassy horses, the only way to break them is to climb on their backs and stay there. The mountain was tamed by sticking to the knifelike precipitous ridge foremost in this scene.

Remembering all too well the reported misadventures of other reckless spirits, we leave Zermatt for the long climb somewhat dubious as to the outcome.

Negotiating the mule trail far above the great Corner Glacier.

The famous hotel Du Lac Noir at the foot of the Matterhorn.

At the end of the first day we arrive at the cabane of the Swiss Alpine Club on the Horni-where climbers try to sleep before attempting the great ascent.

Leaving the Honrli ridge for the Matterhorn crags.

Beyond the Alps lies Italy. We spy out Monte Rosa on the Swiss and ~~Alpine~~ Italian frontier, nine miles away.

The Matterhorn climb commences shortly after midnight, the idea being to sneak up on the mountain by lantern light. By force of habit one of our party started to take off his shoes.

Near the Matterhorn summit we are in a field called "The Shoulder" where infinite precaution must be taken to ensure safety first.

The ice slope is much steeper than it looks (like some hotels) for the camera is forced to shoot down, deforming the angle.

If the climber makes one false step he will drop back a mile, more or less and thus be disqualified for the ascent.

Almost on top. Monte Rosa is seen in the distance.

ACCOMPLISHMENT.

Arrival at the top of the Matterhorn.

The audacious Yankee and his chief guide on the top of the Matterhorn.

Sorry that we have to leave you here. We hope you can find your own way home. WATCH YOUR STEP.

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